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Sir:

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However, to ensure that these references are available to the Examiner, we are providing copies of these references herewith. Since the Search Report was from the JPO search authority, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above identified application and readily available to the Examiner.

The relevance of JP 7-220759 A, JP 11-144706 A, JP 9-147916 A, JP 2001-319634 and JP 2002-008730 A, is discussed in the present specification.

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